कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) (क) जी, हां।

(ख) किसी राज्य के सम्बन्ध में अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति अथवा अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग के रूप में किसी जाति/जनजाति का विनिर्देशन, जैसा भी मामला हो, इसके सामाजिक-आर्थिक परिस्थितियों पर निर्भर होता है जो एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में और यहां तक कि एक राज्य के भीतर एक क्षेत्र से दूसरे क्षेत्र मे भिन्न होती है।

Revival of IISCO

2490. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL was asked not to bid for the revival of IISCO, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Since Indian Iron and Steel Company Ltd. (IISCO) became a sick industrial company in terms of the sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (as amended in February, 1994) a reference was made by the Board of Directors of (IISCO) to BIFR on 22nd June, 1994, as required under Section 15 of the Act, for determination of measures to be adopted with respect to the company.

Any schemes to be taken up for modernisation of IISCO will, therefore, have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

Koel Karo Project in Bihar

2491. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of the Koel Karo Project;

(b) the time by when this project is likely to be completed;

(c) whether some party leaders during the course of the "save Koel Karo" agitation, have gone on indefinite hunger strike to stall the construction work of this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project (710 MW) is presently estimated to cost Rs. 2,400 crores.

(b) Due to paucity of funds, it has not been possible for the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to start work on the project or fix a target for its completion.

(c) to (e) There have been reports in the press indicating some opposition to the project. However, since constructioin works have not started, the question of stalling the same does not arise at present.

Allotment of shops on Licence Fee Basis

2492. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has been allotting shops on Licence fee only instead of on tenders which is the usual prescribed procedure; and

(b) if so, how many shops have been allotted on licence fee only, to whom those shops have allotted, the reasons for violating the laid down procedures and the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) 64 shops/stalls lying vacant have been allotted during 1989-1995 at economic licence fee to widows, physically handicapped persons, educated unemployed persons, ladies, social workers, freedom fighters, sports persons, members of SC/ST/Minority/ Backward community and on compassionate grounds as the earlier attempts to auction some of the shops did not evoke adequate response.

खाद्यान्नों, दालों, तिलहनों आदि की अतिरिक्त आवश्यकता

2493. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अगले दशक के दौरान देश की खाद्यान्नों की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए खाद्यान्नों के वर्तमान उत्पादन के अतिरिक्त कम से कम 50 मिलियन टन खाद्यान्नों, 9 मिलियन टन दालों और 12 मिलियन टन तिलहनों के उत्पादन की आवश्यकता है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का अनुमान क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि देश में कृषि उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए अधिक उत्पादन देने वाले बीजों के उपयोग को प्रोत्साहन दिया जाना चाहिए; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो देश में बीज उत्पादन व अन्वेषण कार्य हेतु सरकार द्वारा आगामी दशक के लिए क्या-क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) तथा (ख) भविष्य में अनाज, दलहन तथा तिलहन की अतिरिक्त मांग जनसंख्या वृद्धि की दर, प्रति व्यक्ति आय में वृद्धि, विकल्पों की उपलब्धता तथा खपत आदतों में परिवर्तन पर निर्भर होगी। अतएव किसी सुनिश्चित समय में अनाज की विभिन्न जिन्सों की सही-सही आवश्यकता इस समय बता पाना कठिन है। बहरहाल विगत सूचकांकों के आधार पर अगले दशक में अनाज की मांग में लगभग 2. 0-2. 2% दलहन की मांग में लगभग 2.5% और तिलहन की मांग में 3.5-3,5% प्रति वर्ष की वृद्धि होने की प्रत्याशा है।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंतिम वर्ष अर्थात् 1996-97 में प्रमाणीकृत बीजों की 70 लाख क्विंटल मात्रा के वितरण का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है। प्रमाणीकृत बीजों की अपेक्षित मात्रा उत्पन्न करने के लिए तदनुसार क्षेत्रीय अनुसंधान कार्य किया जा रहा है।

Revised prices of Framycetin and Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate

2494. SHRI VERENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHUI:

Will the Minster of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has revised the prices of Framycetin and Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate, if so, when and the revised prices;

(b) the earlier and revised prices of formulations of these drugs and when were these prices revised;

(c) when was the production of these drugs commenced and by whom;

(d) the names of drugs where prices have been revised under DPCO, 1995 and their earlier and revised prices;

(e) when did BICP conduct cost study and sent recommendation of each drug; and

(f) the names of drugs cost cum technical study by BICP and by when the recommendation for prices would be sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The price of bulk drugs Framycetin and Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate has been revised as Rs. 13783/Kg and Rs. 156.50/gm respectively on 3.7.95 and on 1.3.95 respectively. The details of ceiling price of formulations notified during the currency of DPCO, 1995 are attached in the statement. (*see* below) The production of Framycetin was commenced in the year 1985 by M/s Roussel India Ltd. and the production of Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate was commenced in the year 1963 by M/s. Glaxo (India) Ltd.

(d) to (f) Price fixation/revision of scheduled bulk drugs is done in accordance with the provisions of drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 and this exercise is undertaken on the basis of cost-cum-technical studies conducted by BICP which is an expert body of the Government. BICP undertakes this exercise on a continous basis and they have already initiated the process of technical study by issuing questioinnaires etc. to the various bulk drug manufacturers. BICP has been asked to complete the cost-cum-technical studies of the scheduled bulk drugs expeditiously and send their recommendations at the earliest.2